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1. WE HAVE NOTED FOREIGN MINISTER OWEN'S COMMENT TO PRESS  
(PARA 3 REFTEL) THAT GENERAL FEELING AMONG EC MEMBER STATES  
WAS THAT EC SHOULD AGREE TO DISCUSSIONS WITH US, WHICH "IS  
NOT SAME AS AGREEMENT TO RENEGOTIATE". WE WILL OF COURSE  
CONSIDER CAREFULLY ANY EC RESPONSE TO THE US REQUEST FOR  
RENEGOTIATIONS, BUT THE NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978

CONDITIONS THE WAIVER FOR EURATOM UPON THE SECRETARY OF STATE NOTIFYING THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION THAT EURATOM "HAS AGREED TO NEGOTIATIONS AS CALLED FOR IN SECTION 404 (A)" OF THE ACT (RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION). WHILE THE LAW GIVES SOME FLEXIBILITY IN HOW EURATOM MEETS THIS REQUIREMENT, A STATEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, SUCH AS ABOVE, THAT THE LANGUAGE IN QUESTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AGREEMENT TO RENEGOTIATE WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO INFORM THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION THAT EURATOM HAD MET THE REQUIREMENT OF THE LAW.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD, AT THEIR DISCRETION, MAKE APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION OFFICIALS SENSITIVE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW CONCERNING NOTIFICATION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE NRC, AND NOTE THAT WE WISH TO BE AS FLEXIBLE AS THE LAW ALLOWS IN INTERPRETING WHAT CONSTITUTES "AGREEMENT TO NEGOTIATION", BUT STATEMENTS NEGATING THIS CONCLUSION WOULD MAKE OUR TASK IMPOSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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